

"Some of the exiles settled east of the river at Council Bluffs, Iowa. But the major portion of them established shelters west of the river, naming their camp Winter Quarters or Florence, the present-day Omaha, Nebraska. This was Indian territory. How would the Mormons be received by the natives? The answer soon came.

"In the typical mysterious way of native communication, news that the Mormons had been persecuted and driven from their homes by other white men spread from Indian tribe to tribe. Therefore, when the exiles arrived in the Indian country, they were welcomed by the Omaha and Potawatomi chiefs and their braves.

"One old chief told in eloquent language how his people had been driven from the beautiful country east of the Mississippi River, a country which, he

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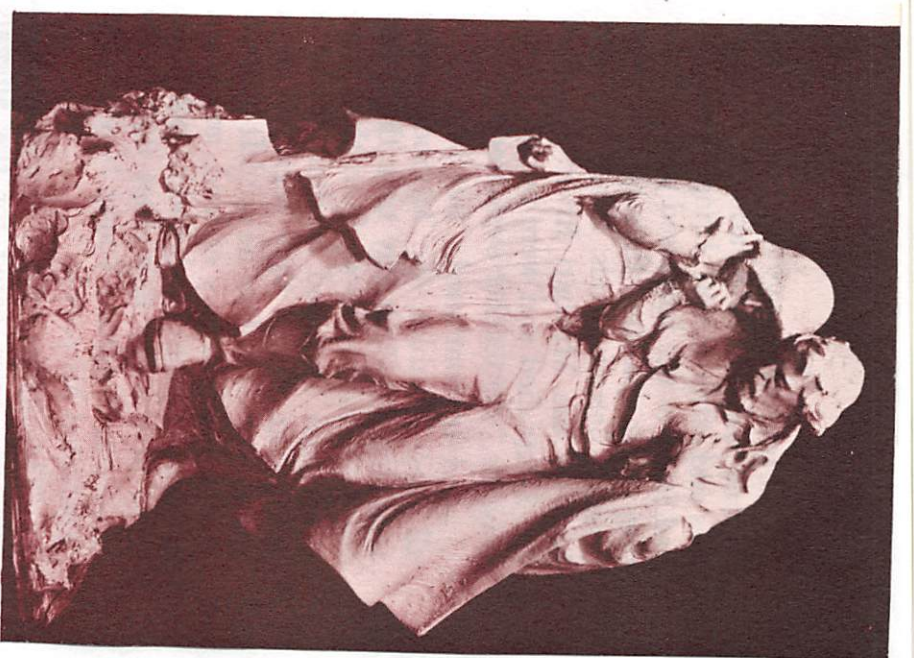


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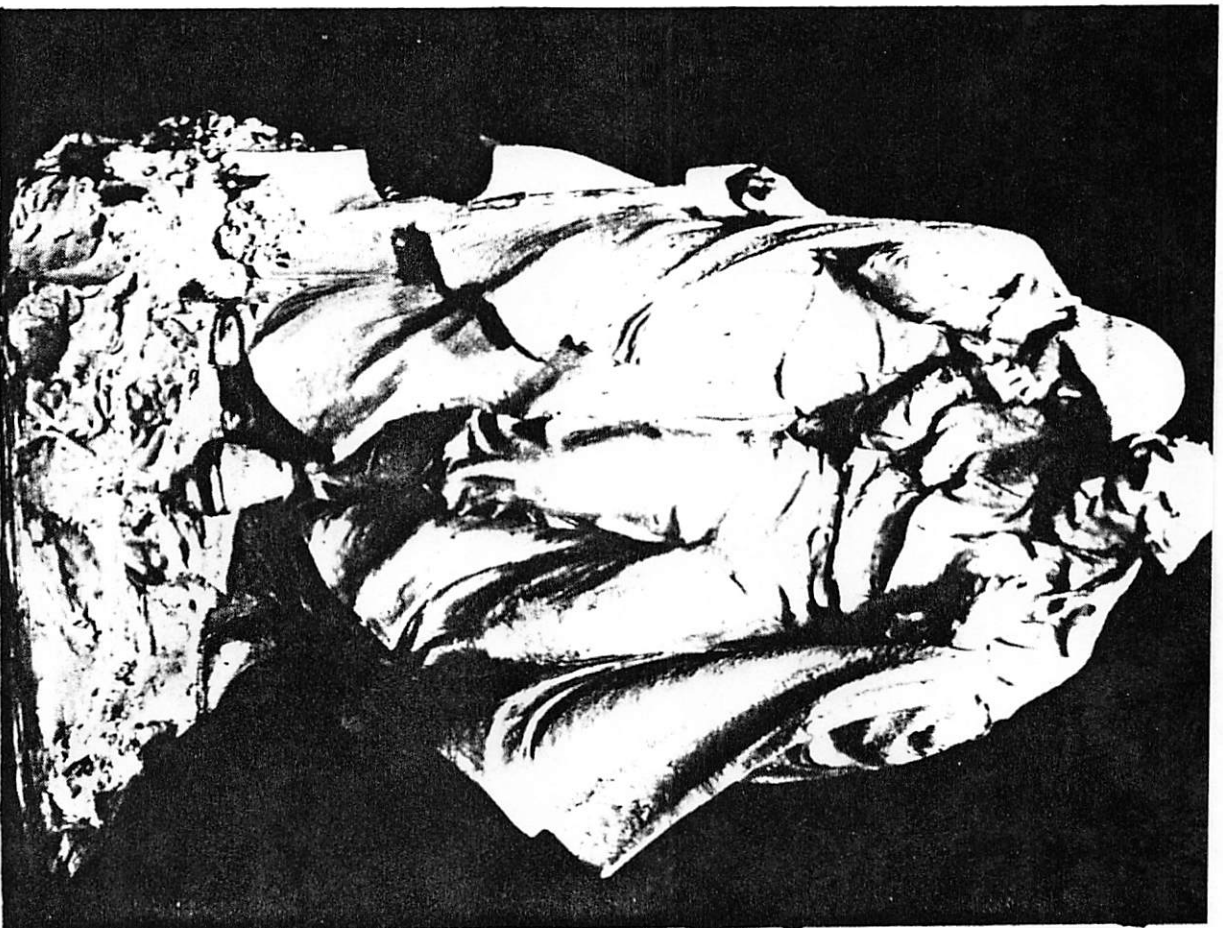


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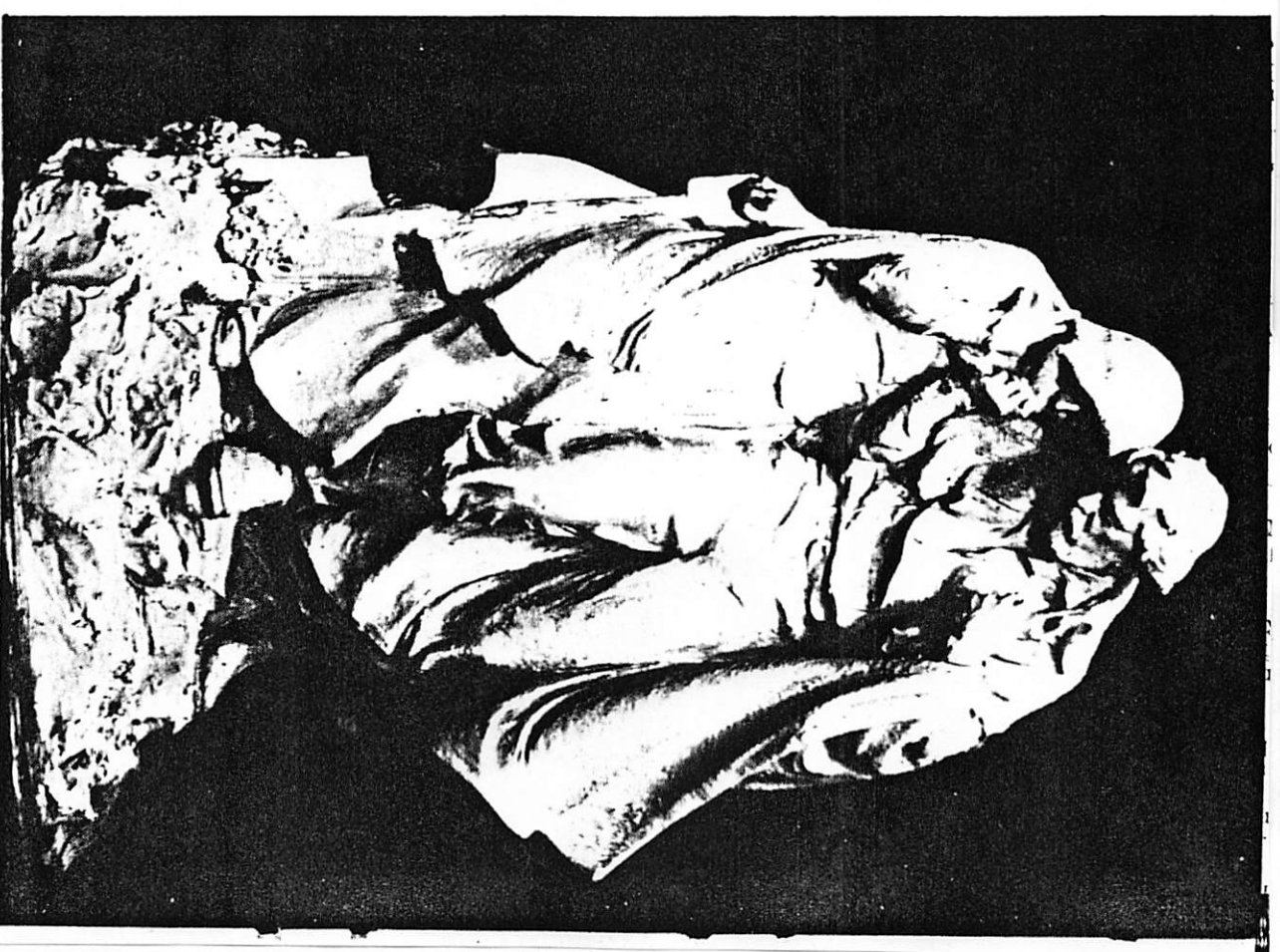


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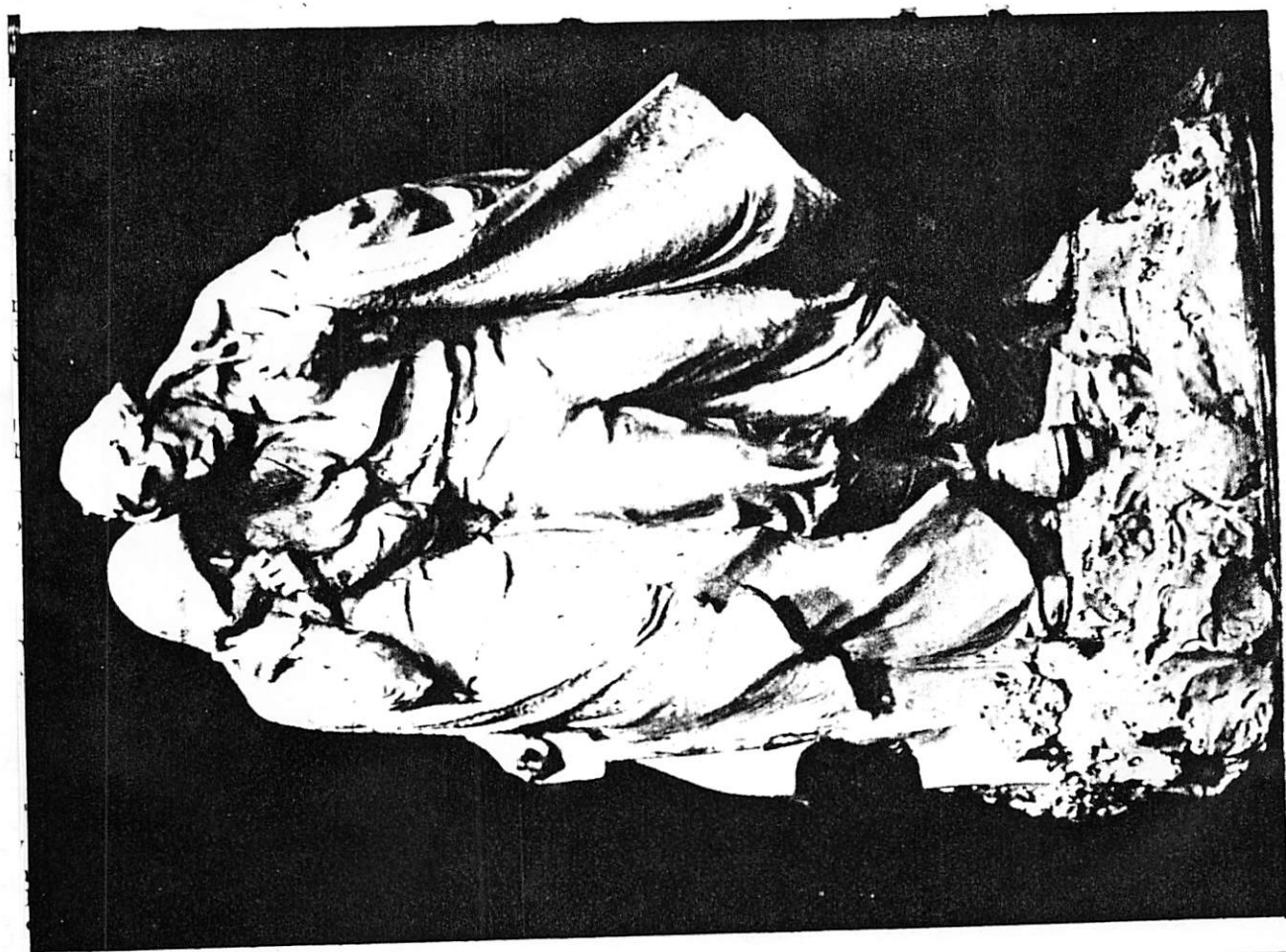


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